

Amendment: TR4

Representative **ERICKSON** proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 73 - RO60 OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

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73.bm. (SC Broadband Map) (A)(1) From funds appropriated, the Office of Broadband Coordinator shall contact the appropriate entities to provide information necessary to compile the county-by-county broadband mapping plan required by Section 10 of Act 142 of 2020 showing the location and capability of broadband facilities throughout the State. In order to facilitate the provision of information necessary to this task, all information provided by a broadband service provider or other entity providing information for the purpose of creating a South Carolina broadband map shall be maintained as confidential, proprietary, and a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40 of the 1976 Code, and subject to exemption from disclosure under state and federal law. The information shall not be subject to disclosure under Chapter 4, Title 30 of the 1976 Code, except in the form of a map where information that could be used to determine provider-specific information about the network of the broadband service provider or other providing entity is not disclosed.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this provision, such broadband provider-specific information shall not be released to any person other than to the broadband service provider or other entity providing information, employees of the Office of Broadband Coordinator, agents designated to assist in developing the South Carolina broadband map, entities contracting with the Office of Broadband Coordinator, and other state agencies administering funds for broadband deployment without express permission of the submitting broadband service provider or other entity providing information. Such information shall be used solely for the purposes stated under this provision. The Office of Broadband Coordinator shall ensure that any agents, vendors, or agencies with whom the information is shared are aware of the confidential nature and restricted purposes for which the information may be used.

(B) Entities providing retail broadband service in South Carolina shall provide to the Office of Broadband Coordinator, housed within the Office of Regulatory Staff, address-specific data in the form of identified serviceable addresses or latitude and longitude of broadband serviceable addresses in the format required. Entities failing to provide current address-specific data shall be disqualified from future state funding opportunities.

(C) Any unexpended funds at the end of the prior fiscal year shall be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the Office of Regulatory Staff for the same purposes.